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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' TRAVEL TO AYACUCHO

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1. IT IS DOUBTLESS AN ACT OF SUPEREROGATION TO ADD TO ARA/BC'S BRIEFING PAPER FOR YOUR MEETING IN PERU WITH GOC FONMIN CARVAJAL (WHO WILL RECALL YOU WERE FORCED TO CUT SHORT YOUR LAST TALK WITH HIM IN QUITO), BUT I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER RAISING THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. JUDGING FROM THE CHILEAN PERFORMANCE AT THE RECENT MEETING WITH THE S/P PLANNING TEAM, THE ITEM WHICH WILL BE UPPERMOST IN CARVAJAL'S MIND IS THE THREAT FROM PERU AND THE URGENT NEED OF THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES FOR "DEFENSIVE" WEAPONS TO COPE WITH IT. I SUGGEST THAT, TO THE EXTENT YOU THINK YOU CAN, YOU INDICATE, FIRST, THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE THREAT FULLY; SECOND, THAT WE APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR A BETTER BALANCE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF PERU AND CHILE TO DIMINISH TENSION AND INSTABILITY IN THE REGION; AND THIRD, THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL IN MEETING SOME OF THE MOST URGENT NEEDS OF CHILE -- TANKS, TOWS, ETC. -- BUT THAT CON-

GRESSIONAL RESISTANCE HAS CREATED DIFFICULTIES AND HAS THUS FAR PREVENTED US FROM MEETING OUR DESIRED SCHEDULES.

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(YOU WILL KNOW BETTER THAN WE HOW TO DESCRIBE STATE OF

PLAY VIS-A-VIS THE CONGRESS.)

3. AT SAME TIME, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO
ACKNOWLEDGE CHILEAN ASSISTANCE IN SUCH MATTERS AS UN
VOTING AND LATIN AMERICAN MULTILATERAL ACTIVITIES, AS
WELL AS EARNEST AND SUCCESSFUL CHILEAN EFFORTS TO WIND
UP OUTSTANDING EXPROPRIATION CASES AND CLEAR A PATH FOR
RENEWED US INVESTMENT IN CHILE UNDER MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE
CONDITIONS.

4. BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP.
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